

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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9. (New) The combination as claimed in claim 8, wherein characters forming said at least one alpha-numeric grid are printed as a mirror image of conventional alpha- numerics so that, when viewed in a mirror, numbers will appear as 0, 1, 2, 3 ... n and characters will appear as A, B, C ... Z.

10. (New) An adhesive label for assisting the spotting of a microscope slide, said label having on one side an adhesive layer and on an opposed side a grid together with mirror images of alpha-numeric characters, wherein said grid comprises an 8x12 array.

11. (New) A method of transferring DNA samples from a microtitre plate to a microscope slide, comprising the steps of:
providing a microtitre plate with a plurality of DNA samples arranged in an array of samples;
providing a microscope slide;
attaching a pre-printed label having at least one alpha-numeric grid to said microscope slide, said alpha-numeric grid comprising an 8x12 array; and
transferring DNA material from said microtitre plate to said microscope slide using the grid on said label as a guide.

12. (New) A method of manually spotting a microscope slide, comprising the steps of:
attaching an adhesive gridded indicia means comprising an alpha-numeric grid comprising an 8x12 array to said microscope slide; and
spotting said microscope slide using said indicia means as a guide.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment sets forth changes to the claims corresponding to those made in the UK application from which priority is claimed in this case. In general, each of the independent claims have been amended to be directed to a preferred embodiment of the